(d) how many import licences have been issued uptil 30th July, 1984 with names of parties, item and value of import licences; and

(e) whether it is a fact that certain items are indigenously available and manufacturers are in a position to meet country's demand, but still import has been cleared, if So what *s the justification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) to (d) No provision exists in the import policy for special licences. Applications for supplementary licences are, under the import policy, required to be made through the sponsoring authorities concerned to the regional licencing authorities throughout the country. N_0 centralised monitoring is don_e and the time, labour and effort involved in collecting and compilation of this data may not be commensurate with the results expected to be achieved.

Particulars of all import licences issued ar_e published to the "Weekly Bulletin of Import Licences, Export Licences and Industrial Licences', and policy for each item of import is indicated in the Import and Export Policy, 1933-84 (Vol. I) and 1984-85, copies of wWch are available in the Parliament Library.

(e) Requests for issue of supplementary imort licenses are considered keeping in view various relevant factors, including recommendations of the sponsooring authority and the position regarding the indigenous production/ availability and demand of the item.

Gallantry Awards for Army Personnel who lost their lives hi operation Blue Star

2148. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT;
SHRIMATI MONIKA DAS;

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to award gallantry awards to Jawaos and commissioned officers who laid down their lives during the recent operation Blue Star in Golden Temple, Amritsar; and

(b) if so what ar_e t h_e details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P, SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) Gallantry awards ar_e approved by Government on the basis of the recommendations received from the Central Honours and Awards Committee of the Ministry of Defence. This Committee in tur_Q makes its recommendations after considering proposals when received from the Services Headquarters. N_Q proposals hav© been received so far in respect of individuals who were deployed for operation Btoe Star.

Import of motor cars by Handicapped persons

2149. DR. MAHABIR PRASAD;
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
DR. SHANTI G. PATEL;
SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

Will th_e Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to [state]:

(a) what is the number of applications received during the y^{ear} $l^{983\text{-}84}$ *"«» the handicapped persons for the import of motor cara with disability controls; and

(b) what decision *as been taken on the applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY

(SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) and (b) **Information is given below:**

Total No. of applications received by the Office of CCI&E	No. of cases where licences issued by Office of C.C.I.& E	No. of cases rejected as they did not confirm to the policy provisions	No. of cases closed for want of completion of 'deficiencies'	No. of cases under consideration
140	27	76	35	2

Transfer of 'Travellers' Lodges/Motels/ Restaurants by ITDC to. State Tourism Development Corporations

2150. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY. Will the Minister of TOURISM AND ' CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many travellers Lodges/ Motelis/Restauraints, India Tourism Development Corporation transferred recently to various State Tourism Development Corporations;

(b) what are the flames and also the net profit or loss of each of these ITDC units during the last three years and if they incurred any loss, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the specific reasons for transferring them instead of developing them into healthy and financially viable units; and

(d) whether any communications or memoranda have been received by his Ministry against such transfers; if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN). (a) to (c) ' In June 1984, ITDC transferred one travellers lodge at Ajanta and one restaurant at Ellora to the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation. The net loss of these units is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the Unit	Net loss 1981-82	1982-83	1983-84 (Prov)
Ashok Travellres Lodge Ajanta .	0·44	0·74	1·07
Ashok Restaurant Ellora . .	0·83	1·05	1·05

The main reasons for the loss are uneconomic size of the units, seasonatily in business and high maintenance cost. The transfer of the units to State Government is expected to convert these units financially viable through better local supervision and control.

(d) The management of the ITDC has received a representation against this transfer. The employees have taken the matter to a Labour Court. Since the matter is subjudiced, no further action is contemplated at this stage.

Foreign exchange earned from Tourism

2151: SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many tourists visited India during the three years, country-wise;

(b) what was the total amount of foreign exchange earned each year during the last three years, thereby;

(c) what had heen the respective share of India in the World Tourism Revenue during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) what steps fcre being taken to attract more rniddle class and lower middle class tourists from abroad to India and also the steps that were taken during the last three years in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI KHURSHEED ALAM KHAN): (a) The country-wise tourist arrivals in India during the last three years are given in the Statement.

(b) and (c) As per the estimates available from the RBI the foreign exchange earnings from tourism during the years